

FAMILY COURT

| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Mediation Hearings Scheduled | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 5,167 | 6,141 | 974 | 18.9% |
| Kent County | 3,233 | 2,973 | -260 | -8.0% |
| Sussex County | 4,026 | 4,686 | 660 | 16.4% |
| State | 12,426 | 13,800 | 1,374 | 11.1% |

| Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2012-2013 - Mediation Dispositions | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | Change | % Change |
| New Castle County | 3,419 | 4,227 | 808 | 23.6% |
| Kent County | 2,151 | 2,035 | -116 | -5.4% |
| Sussex County | 2,788 | 3,001 | 213 | 7.6% |
| State | 8,358 | 9,263 | 905 | 10.8% |

Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2013

1. Mediation is the process prior to adjudication in which a trained mediator attempts to assist the parties in reaching an agreement. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the matter is scheduled to be heard before a commissioner or judge.
2. Custody, support, visitation, guardianship, imperiling family relations, and rule to show cause filings are scheduled for mediation.

Note: Mediation data was reported as Arbitration data in some previous fiscal years.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts.